

REPORT  
OF THE  
RIVERSIDE YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION  
RED TEAM

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**Executive Summary**  
**Report of the**  
**Riverside Youth Crime Prevention Red Team**

The Riverside Youth Crime Prevention Red Team, formed in November 2000, by Mayor Ron Loveridge and Supervisor Tom Mullen, was charged with developing a strategic plan for youth violence prevention in the City of Riverside. The goal was to decrease risk factors in the lives and environment of children ages 0-10 that may lead to the development of violent behaviors detrimental to those children, their families and the community.

Youth at risk are defined for the purposes of this report as those who experience disruptions to family structure such as parent or sibling incarceration, poverty, abuse and/or life-threatening illness. High risk definition also includes school failure, truancy, and substance abuse.

After an extensive review of data to determine needs, and of the available literature, the Red Team proposes that the Arlanza neighborhood in zip code 92503 be chosen as a pilot area to test findings and recommendations. The Red Team recognizes that extensive County, City and Community/Faith-based resources already exist throughout the city, and are available to those in the Arlanza neighborhood. However, experience suggests that many services are located too far to be of use to many residents, are not well coordinated, and often are responsive rather than pro-active.

The specific recommendations of the Red Team are summarized as follows:

- 1) Establish a Youth Crime Prevention Policy Board that will oversee the Youth Crime Prevention Team mentioned below and report annually to the Riverside City Council and the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on the work of the Youth Crime Prevention Team.
- 2) Create a Joint City/County/Community Youth Crime Prevention Team that a) is responsible for implementation of the Youth Crime Prevention Strategic Plan, Goals and Action Strategies outlined in this report, b) fosters partnerships/collaborations, and c) ensures coordination among service providers.
- 3) Expand the mission of the City of Riverside Office of Neighborhoods to include working with families and the Joint City/County/Community Youth Crime Prevention Team.
- 4) Create Family and Neighborhood Resource Centers, beginning with Police Community Service Area 5 and then moving into Riverside's other four Police Community Service Areas. Use existing facilities or centers, such as Police Storefronts, Community Centers, Wellness Centers, schools, etc.
- 5) Identify existing, or if necessary secure outside funds to hire new staff, to operate the Family and Neighborhood Resource Centers and work with Neighborhood Resident Councils, using existing resources where feasible, (e.g. Police Storefronts, Community Centers, Wellness Centers, schools, etc.)

- 6) Coordinate services for youth 0-10 and their families by establishing case management teams that can share information, ensure a continuum of service and maximize resources.
- 7) Significantly increase the availability of quality child care and Head Start programs.
- 8) Expand the Nurse Visitation Program to include all newborns and their families.
- 9) Expand mental health service availability to children with mental health problems and provide needed support services to their families.
- 10) Enhance school readiness, which includes social, physical, emotional well-being, and early literacy.
- 11) Provide seed funding to permit school districts in the city to develop/expand the Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY).
- 12) Develop and expand Early Steps to Reading Success (ESRS) program in the City and County of Riverside.
- 13) Expand family literacy projects by teaching reading and strengthening relationships between family members, children, and educators from various programs.
- 14) Develop an annual evaluation process to measure programs against goals and evaluate effectiveness of programs.
- 15) Approve goals and action strategies (next section) for model program and city-wide blueprint.
- 16) Identify and seek funding to support recommended programs.
- 17) Identify a single individual as project coordinator/manager.

Finally, the Red Team proposes broad action strategies that will serve as a blueprint to help get the program started in any of the Riverside area neighborhoods. They address protective factors for children ages 0 to 10, with emphasis on developmental issues facing children 0 to 5 and their families. As the program begins and expands, it is important to get input from residents and groups that are already in the neighborhoods to assure needs are met and goals are understood.

It is recognized that some recommendations may require changes in operating procedures or law to insure a coordinated, proactive approach. However, the Red Team respectfully recommends that the Riverside City Council and the Riverside County Board of Supervisors approve and adopt this strategic plan and work together to bring about positive change for the youth of our area.

## **Report of the Riverside Youth Crime Prevention Red Team**

### *Introduction*

This report presents findings and recommendations of the Riverside Youth Crime Prevention Red Team. The report is presented in two parts – the first containing background and process of the Red Team, the second the presentation of data and recommendations for a collaborative effort by the City and County of Riverside to help prevent child delinquency. This strategic report is designed to serve as a blueprint for future action. Throughout the process, the Red Team recognized the extensive and effective individual activities and programs already undertaken by city and county agencies and community based organizations. The underlying strategy was to build upon the existing resources and bring about collaboration between agencies to better serve those in need.

### *Background*

The Youth Crime Prevention Red Team was formed by Mayor Ron Loveridge and Supervisor Tom Mullen following an October 19, 2000, Riverside Youth Summit. The Youth Summit was a day-long conference of Riverside's leadership involved in youth issues and crime prevention and intervention. The summit's purpose was to explore how Riverside can benefit by adopting strategies dealing with child delinquency prevention that have proven successful in other cities, particularly Portland, Oregon.

Portland's Children's Delinquency Prevention Committee was set up to: 1) reduce the number of children destined to enter the Juvenile/Adult Correction Systems, thus reducing the cost of institutionalization and other related societal costs, such as welfare dependence and costs of victimization; 2) keep children in school, which helps reduce criminal behavior and optimizes long-term earning power; and 3) break familial cycles of anti-social behavior, delinquency and poverty. The Portland committee found, after extensive research, that the most effective and cost efficient way to reduce crime is to identify and intervene with high-risk children early in their lives.

Following the Riverside Summit, Mayor Loveridge and Supervisor Mullen convened a group of community volunteers and city/county department representatives as a Red Team to determine if a similar effort could produce positive results in Riverside. A Red Team is defined as a group brought together to concentrate resources for a specific purpose within a specific time frame. The members of the team represented a variety of law enforcement, education, children's and adult services, agencies, and community-based organizations.

### *Mission/Goals*

The mission of the Red Team, based on its charter and as defined by its members, was to develop a strategic plan for youth violence prevention that will decrease risk factors in the lives and environment of children ages 0-10 that may lead to the development of violent behaviors that are detrimental to those children, their families and the community. The Red Team decided to focus on children ages 0-5 because those are the most formative years in which early intervention can be the most effective.

Based on that mission, the Red Team selected six goals under which specific action strategies and outcomes could be grouped. They are:

1. Make youth violence prevention a public issue and engage the community in youth violence prevention efforts.
2. Build partnerships and collaborations among public, community and private service providers, as well as schools, churches and businesses.
3. Increase developmental assets for children ages 0-5, including physical well-being and motor development; cognitive skills, knowledge and capacity for learning; and social and emotional competencies and skills needed for healthy social relationships.
4. Increase and enhance school and community programs for children ages 5-10 that motivate academic performance and prepare children to become active, productive members of the community.
5. Address specific factors that are linked to youth violence in the city (e.g., prevalence of gangs, possession of guns, alcohol/drug use).
6. Ensure implementation of the Strategic Plan for Youth Violence Prevention.

### *Membership*

Eric Solander, Director of Public Affairs for Kaiser Permanente in Riverside and Chair of the Education Committee, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce was named chair of the Red Team. The members of the team are as follows:

#### Riverside County

Supervisor Tom Mullen  
Dennis Boyle, DPSS Director  
Gary Feldman, Health Services  
Director  
John Ryan, Mental Health Director  
Marie Whittington, Chief Probation  
Officer  
Sharrell Blakeley, DPSS  
Assistant Director,  
Donna Dahl, Mental Health

#### Community Representatives

Reverend Paul Munford  
Russ Cornell, Director, Youth Action  
Office  
Harry Freedman, Executive Director,  
Youth Services Center

#### Education Representatives

Roxie Alcaraz, Presley Center for Crime &  
Justice Studies  
Linda Fujiu, Student Assistance  
Coordinator, Alvord USD  
Dr. Nancy Guerra, Presley Center for  
Crime & Justice Studies  
Carl Pechacki, Healthy People/ Places.  
Riverside USD (now deceased)  
Jan Peterson, County Office of Education

#### City of Riverside

Ronald O. Loveridge, Mayor  
Larry Paulsen, Asst. City Manager  
Russ Leach, Chief of Police  
Carlotta Mellon, Office of the Mayor

The committee wishes to recognize and thank Roxie Alcaraz and Nancy Guerra of the Robert Presley Center for Crime and Justice Studies, UCR, for their invaluable assistance in formulating goals and strategies, and in preparing much of the final language of this report. In addition, the Red Team acknowledges Carlotta Mellon of the Mayor's Office for staff assistance, meeting coordination and dedication to the outcome of this effort.

### *Process*

The Red Team originally was given 90 days to do its work. However, because of the ongoing individual responsibilities of its members and the holiday season, the team extended sessions until the strategic plan was completed in late March. The team met on a near bi-weekly basis, with subcommittees meeting more often.

To narrow the effort, the Red Team used findings from the Portland Study as well as other models, including Contra Costa County, and chose to concentrate on children 0 to 5. It was recognized that some basic protective factors for older children 6 to 10 also needed to be addressed. However, those children have the advantage of additional school-based resources to assist in meeting some critical needs. The team also chose to present a blueprint with specific action strategies for each of the above goals, with the recommendation that it be assessed in one area with demonstrated need and then expanded to other areas of the city as funds and needs permit.

### *Findings*

Youth at risk are defined for the purposes of this report as those who experience disruptions to family structure such as parent or sibling incarceration, poverty, abuse and/or life-threatening illness. High risk definition also includes school failure, truancy, and substance abuse.

In order to get a clearer sense of the City's needs for children at risk, the Red Team gathered various data from the County Departments of Public Health, Probation, Social Services (DPSS), and the County Office of Education. Data and information from written recommendations to the Riverside County Children and Families Commission on health care, child care, and education were also considered. In addition, because the Red Team selected the zip code 92503 as a target area for piloting a strategic action plan adopted by the City, additional data was compiled and an inventory of community resources was taken for that area of the City. All of these data can be found in the appendix of these recommendations.

Of particular concern and interest to this committee were environmental factors that are known to contribute to the healthy development of children ages 0 to 5. Some of those include, family income, availability of child care, and availability of quality preschool experience. Table 1 shows the extent to which the City of Riverside is meeting those needs.

There are two zip code areas within the City where one-fourth or more of the families have an annual income of less than \$20,000 (25 percent in zip code 92507 and 28 percent in zip code 92501). It can also be seen that the overall rate of those earning less than \$20,000 in the City is 17 percent. In addition, Table 1 shows that the need for child care and preschools is largely unmet in the City. In all zip code areas unmet child care needs

exceed 50 percent, with the lowest rate in zip code 92506 (58 percent) and the highest in zip code 92508 (86 percent). The City overall has an unmet child care need of 66 percent. In general, the percentages of unmet preschool needs are higher than unmet child care needs. Five zip codes have 63 percent or above unmet preschool needs with the highest in zip code 92508 where 100 percent of the preschool needs are unmet.

Table 1 also shows how many children in the city of Riverside reside in out-of-home placement and the number of referrals made to DPSS over the past year. These are important figures to consider because they could indicate the extent to which risk factors are affecting children's home environments.

Several resources on community action and model plans from other cities were used reviewed by the Red Team. They include: Best Practices of Youth Violence Prevention: A Sourcebook for Community Action (CDC, Sept 2000); the Prevention of Youth Violence: A Framework for Community Action (CDC, 1991); Safe Futures: Preventing Youth Violence in the Midlands of South Carolina (June, 1999); Boulder County YouthNet: A Community Strategy for Healthy Youth Development and Violence Prevention (1998).

Data and information from three sets of recommendations to the Riverside County Children and Families Commission were also considered by the Red Team. Those reports include: 1) Recommendations for Health Programs Funded by Proposition 10 prepared by the Children and Families Commission Health Committee & the Riverside County Health Consortium, January 2001; 2) Recommendations for Childcare Programs Funded by Proposition 10 prepared by the Riverside County Child Care Consortium/Local Planning Council, December 2000; and 3) Recommendations for School Readiness and Early Literacy Programs Funded by Proposition 10 prepared by the Education and Early Literacy Committee, February 2001. The Red Team is proposing that some of the programs or services in those recommendations be incorporated into the City's strategic action plan. Programs and services in these recommendations that are duplicated in the Red Team recommendations to the City are listed in Table 2.

The Red Team's recommendation to the City is to eventually implement a strategic action plan for youth violence prevention Citywide. However, we believe that it would be wise to start in one area of the City and pilot the plan first. After analyzing the data, the Red Team selected the Arlanza neighborhood of zip code 90503 as an appropriate area for piloting the program. The reasons for this choice were three-fold. First, although 92503 did not rank highest in all areas of need with regard to the initial data we looked at, it was certainly among the top 3. Secondly, consensus of opinion from the Red Team was that zip codes 92501 and 92507, where data indicated as highest in environmental risk factors, were already receiving focused attention from the City. Therefore, 92503 was the next logical choice. Although a cohesive neighborhood, it has less visible leadership and group structure, thereby offering an opportunity to make a measurable difference.

The Red Team then proceeded to conduct an inventory of existing public and community services, faith-based organizations, school services, and selected crime statistics in that area. The results of that inventory are presented in Table 3.

It should be noted that the team recognizes that extensive County, City and Community/Faith-based resources already exist throughout the city, and are available to those in the Arlanza neighborhood. However, experience suggests that many services are



located too far to be of use to many residents, are not well coordinated and are often responsive rather than pro-active.

### *Recommendations*

1. Establish a Youth Crime Prevention Board which will oversee the Crime Prevention Team listed below and report annually to the Riverside City Council and Riverside County Board of Supervisors on the work of the Crime Prevention Team.
2. Create a Joint City/County/Community Youth Crime Prevention Team that a) is responsible for implementation of the Youth Crime Prevention Strategic Action Plan, b) fosters partnerships/collaborations, and c) ensures coordination among service providers. The City and County of Riverside may wish to create separate internal teams as well.
3. Expand the mission of the City of Riverside Office of Neighborhoods to include working with families and the Joint City/County/Community Youth Crime Prevention Team.
4. Create Family and Neighborhood Resource Centers, beginning with Police Community Service Area 5 and then moving into Riverside's other four Police Community Service Areas. Use existing facilities or centers, such as Police Storefronts, Community Centers, Wellness centers, schools and the like.
  - Serve the neighborhood as a single point of access to services for youth 0-10 and their families.
  - Conduct initial neighborhood needs assessment and update annually.
  - Provide an Inventory of Services
  - County agencies to provide information to Centers
5. Identify existing, or if necessary hire new staff, to operate the Family and Neighborhood Resource Centers and work with Neighborhood Resident Councils, using existing resources where feasible, e.g. Police Storefronts, Community Centers, Wellness Centers.
6. Coordinate services for at risk youth 0-10 and their families by establishing case management teams that can share information, ensure a continuum of service and maximize resources. Specific action strategies to meet the goals are in the next section of this report.
7. Significantly increase the availability of quality child care and Head Start Programs.
  - Implement on a pilot basis in the Arlanza area, a City of Riverside "fast track" permit process for child care providers and centers, and reduce permit fees, as has been done in Hemet and Lake Elsinore, so as to increase child care availability.
  - Implement the following proposal made by the Child Care Committee of the Commission on Children and Families:
    - a) locate within the Family and Neighborhood Resource Center, or adjacent to it, a child care program to serve the needs of the families in the neighborhood. The program could be a part-day program, such as Head Start or State Preschool, or it could be a full day care program to serve working families, depending on need.

- b) The child care program at the Family and Neighborhood Resource Center would provide comprehensive services, including health care, dental treatment, mental health care, and social services to meet the identified needs of the children it serves.
  - c) The child care program should operate in a manner that is convenient and accessible to all.
  - d) The child care program should focus on early childhood education, be licensed, and of the highest quality.
  - e) The child care program should offer parent education and early literacy programs.
  - f) The overall emphasis of the program should be on school readiness to prepare young children to succeed in school.
  - g) A system of training persons to become family child care providers should also be incorporated into the child care program to expand the number of licensed child care spaces available in the neighborhood. The child care center could serve as a lab site for the training of additional child care providers.
  - h) Create and make available to the community a database of child care providers and centers.
8. Expand the Nurse Visitation Program to include all newborns and their families.
    - Pilot in Arlanza.
  9. Expand mental health service availability to children with mental health problems and provide needed support services to their families.
    - Develop a mental health screening component to be added to the well-child screening program.
  10. Enhance school readiness, which includes the social, physical, emotional well-being, and early literacy.
  11. Provide seed funding to permit school districts in the city to develop/expand the Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY).
  12. Develop and expand Early Steps to Reading Success (ESRS) program in the City and County of Riverside.
  13. Expand family literacy projects by teaching reading and strengthening relationships between family members, children, and educators from various programs.
  14. Develop an annual evaluation process to measure programs against goals and evaluate effectiveness of programs.
  15. Approve goals and action strategies (next section) for a model program and city-wide blueprint.
  16. Identify and seek funding to support recommended programs.
  17. Identify a single individual as project coordinator/manager.

### *Goals and Specific Action Strategies*

The action strategies to achieve the Red Team goals were designed from a developmental perspective and are based on research findings in the area of youth violence. These findings support the idea that children who grow up in a healthy, nurturing, and safe environment are less at risk for exposure to violence either as victims or perpetrators. They address protective factors for children ages 0 to 10, with emphasis on developmental issues facing children 0 to 5 and their families. As such, they are extremely broad and meant to be a blueprint from which any community could build a plan to meet their unique needs.

Under each of the five goals, there are three columns: The first is “Prevention Needs”, which are defined as childhood, parental, or community needs that should be met in order to achieve the goal. The second column is “Action Strategies”. Action strategies are the steps that need to be taken in order to fill the prevention needs. The last column is “Collaboration Partners” or the City and County departments, community and private agencies, schools, etc. that are best equipped to carry out the action strategies.

#### **GOAL 1: MAKE YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION A PUBLIC ISSUE AND ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY IN YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTIONS EFFORTS.**

<b>PREVENTION NEEDS</b>	<b>ACTION STRATEGIES</b>	<b>COLLABORATION PARTNERS</b>
Community Education and Mobilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Create and distribute a directory of programs, services, and opportunities for youth and families; update frequently; post online</li><li>▪ Create and distribute fact sheets on local trends in youth crime, and the well-being of children, families, schools, and communities</li><li>▪ Conduct one or more workshops or community forums</li></ul>	Mayor's Office, appropriate City Depts. Board of Supervisors, appropriate County Depts., Appropriate CBOs Public and private schools
Media Exposure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Provide fact sheets (see above) to local written and broadcast media</li><li>▪ Post fact sheets (see above) on the City's internet website</li><li>▪ Generate regular press-releases to local media regarding current and upcoming action strategies for youth violence prevention within the City</li><li>▪ Generate regular PSAs for local cable and radio programming</li></ul>	Mayor's Office, appropriate City Depts., Board of Supervisors
Community Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Create and sustain a community volunteer program consisting of adults and youth</li></ul>	Volunteer Center, Churches, Americorps, Campus/Student orgs., Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanas, Rotary, etc.
Strong Community Leadership	Recruit and utilize key individuals within the city (e.g., Mayor, City Council members, Faith Ministers, Business men and women, etc.) to provide a public voice in favor of prevention efforts and assist in community mobilization and public education efforts.	Mayor's Office, appropriate City Depts., Board of Supervisors, Appropriate CBOs, FBOs, Chamber of Commerce,

**GOAL 2: BUILD PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS AMONG PUBLIC, COMMUNITY AND PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDERS, AS WELL AS SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, AND BUSINESSES.**

<b>PREVENTION NEEDS</b>	<b>ACTION STRATEGIES</b>	<b>COLLABORATION PARTNERS</b>
Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create and sustain collaborative efforts among the original Red Team partners through regular communication and sharing of information regarding the status of ongoing activities</li> <li>Create and sustain new collaborative partnerships as interest and support in youth violence prevention increases throughout the city</li> </ul>	Mayor's Office, appropriate City Depts., Board of Supervisors, appropriate CBOs, FBOs, Chamber of Commerce, RCOE, RUSD, AUSD

**GOAL 3: INCREASE DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS FOR CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5, INCLUDING PHYSICAL WELL-BEING AND MOTOR DEVELOPMENT; COGNITIVE SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, AND CAPACITY FOR LEARNING; AND, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL COMPETENCIES AND SKILLS NEEDED FOR HEALTHY SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS.**

<b>PREVENTION NEEDS</b>	<b>ACTION STRATEGIES</b>	<b>COLLABORATION PARTNERS</b>
Housing and Income Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide information on available resources</li> <li>Assist families with obtaining affordable housing</li> <li>Assist families with obtaining financial assistance (e.g. unemployment insurance, TANF, etc.)</li> </ul>	Appropriate City and County Depts.
Health Care (insurance, hygiene, and immunizations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create and Implement a nurse-home visitation program</li> <li>Ensure access to prenatal care</li> <li>Ensure access to affordable health insurance for children and provide enrollment assistance</li> <li>Provide parent education</li> <li>Provide low cost or free immunizations for children</li> <li>Develop and implement an immunization tracking system</li> </ul>	County Public Health, Children and Families Commission, Youth Service Center, FSA, appropriate CBOs, FBOs
Food and Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure access to the supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children (WIC) for eligible families</li> <li>Ensure access to the food stamp program for eligible families</li> <li>Provide parent education</li> </ul>	County Public Health, County DPSS, Children and Families Commission, appropriate CBOs, FBOs

**Goal 3 (Continued):**

<b>PREVENTION NEEDS</b>	<b>ACTION STRATEGIES</b>	<b>COLLABORATION PARTNERS</b>
Prevention of Unintentional Injury (accidental injury in the home, auto safety, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design and implement community education campaigns</li> <li>Distribute child safety aids</li> <li>Initiate legislation at the local level</li> </ul>	County Public Health, County DPSS, Children and Families Commission, appropriate CBOs, County/City government
Prevention of exposure to toxic substances (i.e., lead)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design and implement community education campaigns.</li> </ul>	County Public Health, appropriate CBOs, FBOs
Stimulating home environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide parent education</li> <li>Provide loan programs for educational materials and toys</li> <li>Enhance library services and programs</li> </ul>	County DPSS, RCOE, RUSD, AUD, Libraries, appropriate CBOs, FBOs
High quality early childhood care and early literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase affordable child care options</li> <li>Provide financial assistance for child care</li> <li>Encourage employer-supported day care</li> <li>Quality training programs for child care providers, incl. literacy training</li> <li>Provide/expand early literacy programs, e.g. enhance library services and programs</li> <li>Provide family literacy programs</li> </ul>	County DPSS, Children and Families Commission, appropriate CBOs, RCOE, RUSD, AUD, DSS, Community Care Licensing Department
Nurturing and healthy family relationships that promote secure attachment, effective parenting, and parents' emotional well-being and mental health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create and implement a nurse-home visitation program</li> <li>Provide on-site parent training (e.g. HIPPY)</li> <li>Initiate legislation at the local level for tax credits for participation</li> <li>Encourage on-site day care from child care providers</li> <li>Encourage employers to implement flex-time and family leave policies</li> </ul>	County Public Health, County DPSS, County Mental Health, Children and Families Commission, appropriate CBOs, FBOs
Prevention of abuse, neglect, and violence in the home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhance child protective services</li> <li>Create and implement a nurse-home visitation program</li> <li>Establish protocols for law enforcement dealing with youth on domestic violence calls</li> <li>Provide education and training for officers in the above protocols</li> <li>Provide parent education</li> </ul>	County DPSS, RPD, County Sheriff, Children and Families Commission, County Public Health, appropriate CBOs, FBOs

**Goal 3 (continued):**

<b>PREVENTION NEEDS</b>	<b>ACTION STRATEGIES</b>	<b>COLLABORATION PARTNERS</b>
Early identification and treatment of psychological and behavioral problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide parent education and training programs</li> <li>▪ Provide education and training for childcare providers</li> <li>▪ Link childcare providers to appropriate services</li> </ul>	County DPSS, County Mental Health, appropriate CBOs, FBOs
Opportunities for cooperative play and positive social interactions with peers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ *Increase affordable child care options</li> <li>▪ Create and implement early childhood social skills programs</li> <li>▪ Improve/increase public playgrounds and recreation programs</li> </ul>	Children and Families Commission, City Park and Recreation, RCOE, appropriate CBOs, FBOs

**GOAL 4: INCREASE AND ENHANCE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AGES 5 TO 10 THAT MOTIVATE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND PREPARE CHILDREN TO BECOME ACTIVE PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.**

<b>PREVENTION NEEDS</b>	<b>ACTION STRATEGIES</b>	<b>COLLABORATION PARTNERS</b>
High quality schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Partner with local Universities and Colleges to enhance teacher training and credentialing programs</li> <li>▪ Encourage and support legislation that addresses the growing financial needs of public education</li> </ul>	Mayor's Office, County Board of Supervisors, RUSD, AUSD, RCCD, County Office of Education, local Colleges and Universities
Academic achievement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increase before and after school programs (e.g. 6 to 6 Program)</li> <li>▪ Increase tutoring programs</li> </ul>	RUSD, AUSD, County Office of Education, Youth Action Team, Youth Service Center, appropriate CBOs
Community support for schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Conduct community forums that encourage dialogue about community expectations of public education and the role of the community in education</li> </ul>	RUSD, AUSD, County Office of Education, Youth Action Team, Youth Service Center, appropriate CBOs, FBOs, neighborhood councils

**GOAL 5: ADDRESS SPECIFIC FACTORS THAT ARE LINKED TO YOUTH VIOLENCE IN THE CITY (e.g., PREVALENCE OF GANGS, POSSESSION OF GUNS, ALCOHOL/DRUG USE).**

<b>PREVENTION NEEDS</b>	<b>ACTION STRATEGIES</b>	<b>COLLABORATION PARTNERS</b>
Safe homes and Safe neighborhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increase neighborhood/community policing</li> <li>▪ Increase/enhance neighborhood watch programs</li> <li>▪ Create support programs for youth who have one or more family members on parole or in incarceration</li> <li>▪ Create business/community partnerships</li> <li>▪ Provide parent education</li> </ul>	Mayor's Office, RPD, County Probation, Chamber of Commerce, RPD, RUSD, AUSD, Youth Service Center, appropriate CBOs, FBOs
Activities for youth and involvement of youth in the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop/increase summer and after school recreation and enrichment programs.</li> <li>▪ Develop programs for children 6 – 10 similar to existing Prime Time Program for Middle School children</li> <li>▪ Develop community programs for young children (e.g., community clean-up, community gardening, etc.)</li> </ul>	Volunteer Center, City Park and Recreation, Youth Action Team, Libraries, RUSD, AUSD, appropriate CBOs, FBOs

**GOAL 6: ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF THE CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN FOR YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION.**

<b>PREVENTION NEEDS</b>	<b>ACTION STRATEGIES</b>	<b>COLLABORATION PARTNERS</b>
Implementation, oversight, and evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Create a joint City/County/Community organization/oversight team</li> <li>▪ Create a Youth Crime Prevention Team to implement the plan</li> <li>▪ Hold regular meetings of the above groups for coordination and planning</li> <li>▪ Create and utilize an evaluation program for the youth violence prevention plan.</li> </ul>	Key personnel from Mayor's office, appropriate City Depts., Board of Supervisors, appropriate Co. Depts. Schools, CBOs and FBOs, neighborhood councils

Additional suggestions for implementation of a plan for youth violence prevention:

- 1. Consider prioritizing and implementing small portions of the plan at a time.***
- 2. Build on what is already in place. Action strategies should be matched with proven existing programs and services.***
- 3. Consider how schools could be used more (e.g., as sites for delivering services).***
- 4. Consider using the “Wellness Center” model (RUSD) or Community/Neighborhood Center model for delivering services.***
- 5. Consider grant funding of programs/services where City or County funding is not available.***



Table 1.

**Developmental Risk Factors by Zip Code, City, and County**  
(all figures are for 1998 unless otherwise indicated)

Zip Code	Total Population	% of Population 0-5 years	# of Families	% of Families Earning <\$20,000	% of Unmet Child Care Needs	% of Unmet Preschool Needs	# of DPSS Referrals (2000)	# of Children in Out-of-home Placement (2000)
92501	21,448	9%	4,335	28%	59%	86%	174	40
92503	69,133	10%	16,096	15%	75%	70%	465	153
95204	49,841	8%	11,939	16%	63%	64%	332	140
92505	38,524	10%	9,060	17%	65%	34%	232	78
92506	47,228	8%	11,963	14%	58%	86%	190	50
92507	47,426	8%	9,727	25%	60%	39%	330	55
92508	14,831	9%	3,709	10%	86%	100%	80	63
<b>City of Riverside</b>	288,431	9%	66,829	17%	66%	63%	1,827	579
<b>Riverside County</b>	1,469,747	9%	358,966	20%		66%	9,811	4,300

Sources: Riverside County Office of Education and Riverside County Department of Social Services

Table 2.

**OVERLAP SERVICES AND PROGRAMS AMONG RED TEAM AND CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Child Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase affordable child care options</li> <li>• Provide quality training programs for child care providers</li> </ul>
Health Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement nurse-home visitation program</li> <li>• Improve immunization programs for children</li> <li>• Develop an immunization tracking system</li> <li>• Insure access to WIC for eligible families</li> <li>• Distribute child safety aids</li> <li>• Increase community and parent education programs</li> </ul>
School Readiness and Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include literacy training in training for child care providers</li> <li>• Provide on-site parent training for home based parent education programs</li> <li>• Increase availability quality child care with early literacy programs</li> <li>• Increase literacy programs (e.g. Early Literacy Kits, Parent Activity Fund, Let's Get Ready to Read, Reading is Fundamental, Healthy Start, etc.)</li> </ul>

Sources: Recommendations to the Riverside County Children and Families Commission on child care, health care, and school readiness and literacy.

Table 3.

## **ZIP CODE 92503 COMMUNITY INVENTORY**

### **Public Agencies' Offices in 92503:**

- County. Dept. of Mental Health – Children's Case Management
- California Children's Services

### **Community and School Programs:**

- 28 Churches/Faith-Based Organizations
- 5 County-run Pre-schools and Head Start Programs
- Alvord School District Student Programs:
  - Asset Development
  - Friday Night Live
  - Prime Time After School
  - Parent Education
  - R.A.D.
  - Youth Service Center Outreach
  - Conflict Resolution
  - Youth Mediation
  - PALS

- Alvord School District Programs (*Con't.*)
  - Unity Forum/Diversity Training
  - Project Alert
  - Paso Adelante
- Community Collaboration (Riv. Gang Task Force, Riv. Against Taggers, Chambers of Commerce, Tri-County South Tobacco Coalition)
- Riverside School District Student Programs:
  - Nell Soto Grant (Teacher home visits)
  - Youth Service Center Outreach
  - Parents as Teachers Program
  - Adult ESL
  - Rotary Club Mentor Program
  - AVID
  - Children's Treatment Services
  - Early Academic Outreach (UCR)
  - Gear-Up (College Training)
  - Multicultural Council
  - Teacher Interventions
  - Vision and Hearing Screening

### **Reported Incidents of Selected Crimes in 2000:**

Rape	37
Sex crimes against children under age 14	48
Child Endangerment	24
Domestic Violence	826
Arrests Stemming from Above reported crimes	710

Sources: Linda Fujiu (AUSD), Carl Pachaki (RUSD), Russ Cornell (YAC), City of Riverside Police Department

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